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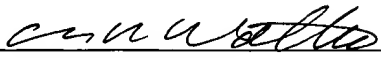
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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and considerations of each of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 by initialing adjacent each of the references and issuing copies of the Examiner-initialed Forms PTO-1449.

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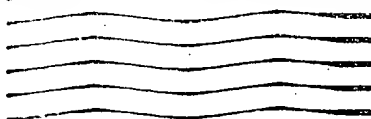
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1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Rule 53(b) divisional of USSN 09/234,634, filed January 21, 1999)
2. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form [in duplicate]
3. Specification comprising 39 pages (including claims 1-32 and abstract)
4. 4 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-4)
5. Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application
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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed in the enclosed forms PTO-1449.

All of these references are of record in the file of parent application Serial No. 09/234,634 and either were cited by the Examiner or by Applicants therein. The present application is a Divisional of such parent application, and claims priority thereof under 35 U.S.C. 120. Accordingly, copies of such references are not required.

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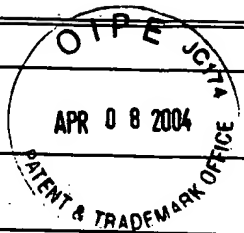
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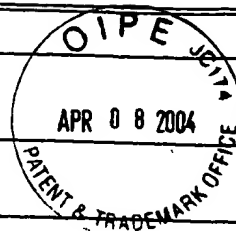
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